

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed in order to effect changes to the specification and claims, and add the newly prepared Sequence Listing into the specification papers in accordance with U.S. practice. In particular, the specification and claims have been amended to incorporate the sequence identification numbers from the newly prepared Sequence Listing. The paper copy of the Sequence Listing has been prepared in accordance with the sequence rules under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825. It contains the identical sequences appearing in the application papers. Thus, no new matter has been added. There is also submitted herewith a copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required by 37 CFR 1.821(c). The content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same. Thus, Applicant believes that the application is now in compliance with the sequence rules under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.

Should there be any questions regarding the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at telephone number listed below.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SAE-0038 (80304-0038) from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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